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Sen. Allen and Rep. Casperson Call for Change in Log Hauling Regulations

Testify in support of legislation to make Michigan roads safer

LANSING – Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, testified with Representative Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, before the Senate Transportation Committee today in support of legislation to allow crib trailers to be used to transport timber on Michigan roads if allowed by federal law.

“Amending state law to allow crib trailers access to Michigan roads has the potential to save lives,” Allen said.

Allen testified in support of Casperson’s bill, House Bill 4154, a bill to amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow certain loading and tie-down procedures for log-hauling crib vehicles. The bill would also permit vehicles to extend beyond the current allowable trailer length to compensate for the additional length needed to operate a crib trailer.

Senator Allen is the sponsor of Senate Bill 213, which is identical to HB 4154 before committee today.

Crib vehicles for log-hauling are considered by many to be safer than the pup vehicles currently used in Michigan due to the loading style and side and end bars similar to that of an infant’s crib.

Allen praised Casperson by stating, “Representative Casperson has worked tirelessly on this legislation, ensuring that timber haulers are given the option to use these trailers to carry their payload while improving road safety for everyone.”

The Senate Transportation Committee passed HB 4154 by a vote of 5-0. It will now be sent to the full Senate for consideration.

Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator Jason Allen will be available Wednesday morning the Senate Majority Photowire, located at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/>.